

Indiana Juvenile Firesetter (JFS) Programs

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About: Provides fire risk assessment and incident specific and age-appropriate education for firesetters. Spurlin works with Child Protective Services, Juvenile Courts and Mental Health Professionals. The Fire Investigation Unit is a combined fire/police unit which provides a strong environment for the Fire Stop Program.

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About: Identifies juvenile firesetters through referrals. Uses the United States Fire Administration's intake tool to give parents a risk assessment for repeat firesetting. Foster uses a video for ages 7 and older of real children who have been affected by misuse of fire.

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About: Provides assessment, treatment and training in juvenile firesetting behavior. Authored "Juvenile Firesetting: An Exploratory Analysis" (May, 2000), available from amazon.com.

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About: An educational program tailored to individual situations involving the entire family.

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About: Provide risk assessment interviews for children and families. Utilize educational and age-specific videos on fire safety. Require children to prepare an exit plan and conduct drills with family. This program stresses parent involvement and has had no repeat firesetters.

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About: A voluntary program which performs an assessment on juvenile firesetters to determine if fire safety education or additional counseling is needed. The assessments are from the National Fire Academy's juvenile firesetter program. If the juvenile needs additional counseling, the fire department will recommend this to the caregiver.

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About: The Allen County Juvenile Firesetters Task Force was formed to identify and help juvenile firesetters through referrals by anyone from parents to schools. The task force is made up of professionals from a variety of local agencies, such as fire departments, probation departments, department of corrections, hospitals, schools, mental health facilities, and social service agencies.

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